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Brian O'Neill
General Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Attention: Fire Management

Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Fire Management Plan, San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin Counties, California (CEQ# 20050525)

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500_1508) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA supports fire management actions on Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) lands for fire hazard reduction and resource benefit. The Fire Management Plan will provide the framework for fire management actions for the GGNRA over the next 10-15 years.

EPA reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and provided comments to the National Park Service on June 13, 2005. We rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns - Insufficient information (EC-2) due to concerns regarding smoke management and protection of air quality, water quality, wetlands, and the use of herbicides. The FEIS responses to our comments have adequately addressed our concerns and provided the requested information.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this FEIS. When the Record of Decision is signed, please send one copy to the address above (mail code: CED_2). If you have questions, please contact me at 415-972-3988 or Laura Fujii, the lead reviewer for this project. Laura can be reached at 415_972_3852 or fujii.laura@epa.gov

Sincerely,

/s/

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